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# The Research Grants Council of Hong Kong NSFC/RGC Joint Research Scheme <u>Joint Completion Report</u>

(Please attach a copy of the completion report submitted to the NSFC by the Mainland researcher)

## **Part A:** The Project and Investigator(s)

### 1. Project Title

Design, synthesis and application of fused osmacycles/iridacycles containing main group heteroatoms

# 2. Investigator(s) and Academic Department/Units Involved

	Hong Kong Team	Mainland Team
Name of Principal	Zhenyang Lin	Haiping Xia
Investigator (with title)	(Chair Professor)	(Professor)
Post	Chair Professor	Professor
Unit / Department /	Department of Chemistry	Department of Chemistry
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(with title and		Xiamen University
institution)		

#### 3. Project Duration

	Original	Revised	Date of RGC/ Institution Approval (must be quoted)
Project Start date	1 January 2016		
Project Completion date	31 December 2019		
Duration (in month)	48 months		
Deadline for Submission of Completion Report	31 December 2020		

# **Part B: The Completion Report**

# 5. Project Objectives

- 5.1 Objectives as per original application
- $\it 1.$  To construct fused osmacycles/iridacycles by calculating/comparing feasible reaction pathways derived from various starting materials through DFT calculations and experiments.
- 2. To examine factors influencing the stability, reactivity and properties of various fused osmacycles/iridacycles by studying their electronic structures.
- 3. To examine whether and how a main group heteroatom in a given metallacycle affects the reactivity and properties of osmacycles/iridacycles.

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5.2	Revised Objectives (Not Applicable)
	Date of approval from the RGC:
	Reasons for the change:
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#### 6. Research Outcome

Major findings and research outcome (maximum 1 page; please make reference to Part C where necessary)

A number of new osmacycle/iridacycle complexes have been synthesized (See Entries 1, 6, 7 and 8 in Section 8).

The newly synthesized complexes display interesting reactivities (electrophilic and nucleophilic) and physical properties (luminescent) that allow for further studies (See Entries 1, 2, 4, 7 and 8 in Section 8).

Interesting electronic structures and bonding that impact reactivity and physical properties were examined and identified in the newly synthesized complexes (Entries 3, 5 and 9 in Section 8).

Potential for further development of the research and the proposed course of action (maximum half a page)

Systematic way on the synthesis of metallocycle complexes can be developed when more studies in the related area are completed.

Systematic understanding of the physical properties needs to be developed, and application of the newly synthesized metallocycle complexes requires further studies.

#### 7. The Layman's Summary

(describe <u>in layman's language</u> the nature, significance and value of the research project, in no more than 200 words)

In this completed projects, a series of new metallacyclic organometallic compounds have been prepared and characterized. Investigation of their physical properties indicate that these compounds display potential photoluminescence that deserves for further studies. Synthetic investigation also allows us to modify the structures and incorporation of hetero atoms into the metallacycle rings and studies of the effect of the heteroatom on their chemical and physical properties.

#### **Part C: Research Output**

8. Peer-reviewed journal publication(s) arising <u>directly</u> from this research project (Please attach a copy of each publication and/or the letter of acceptance if not yet submitted in the previous progress report(s). All listed publications must acknowledge RGC's funding support by quoting the specific grant reference.)

The Lates	t Status of	Publica	ations	Author(s)	Title and Journal/ Book	Submitt	Attached to this	Acknowl	Accessib
Year of publication	Year of Acceptan ce (For paper accepted but not yet publishe	Under	Under Prepara tion	( <b>bold</b> the authors	(with the volume, pages and other necessary publishing details specified)	ed to RGC (indicat e the year ending of the relevant	report (Yes or No)	edged the support of this Joint Research Scheme (Yes or	le from the institutio nal
	d)					progres s report)			
2017				Ming Luo,	"Reactions of	Dec Dec	No	Yes	Yes
(Entry 1)				Lipeng Long,	Isocyanides with	2017	(submitted		
				Hong Zhang,*	Metal Carbyne		in the		
				Yuhui Yang,	Complex: Isolation		previous		
J1				Yuhui Hua,	and		progress		
				Gang Liu,	Characterization of		report)		
				Zhenyang Lin,*	Metallacyclopropeni				
				and Haiping	mine				
				Xia*	Intermediates"				
					J. Amer. Chem. Soc.,				
					<b>139</b> , 1822-1825.				
2017				Zi-Ao Huang,	"Color-tuning	Dec	No	Yes	Yes
(Entry 2)				Qing Lan, Yuhui	<u> </u>	2017	(submitted		
				Hua, Zhixin	iridapolycycles		in the		
12				Chen, Hong	[(N^N)Ir(C^C)CIPPh <sub>3</sub>		previous		
J2				Zhang,*	] <sup>+</sup> by the synergistic		progress		
				Zhenyang Lin	modifications on		report)		
				and Haiping Xia					
					N^N units"				
					Organometallics,				
2017				5 10 O	<b>36</b> , 4802-4809.				.,
2017				Fu Kit Sheong,	"Localized Bonding	Dec	No	Yes	Yes
(Entry 3)				Jing-Xuan	Model for	2017	(submitted		
12				Zhang and	Coordination and		in the		
J3				Zhenyang Lin*	Cluster Compounds"		previous		
					Coord. Chem. Rev.		progress		
2017				Llac Mara	<b>345</b> , 42-53.	Doc	report)	Vos	Voc
2017				Hao Wang,	"Synthesis,	Dec	No (submitted	Yes	Yes
(Entry 4)				Linlin Wu,	Structure and	2017	(submitted		
				Zhenyang Lin* and Zuowei	Reactivity of a Borylene Cation		in the		
				Xie*	[(NHSi) <sub>2</sub> B(CO)] <sup>+</sup>		previous progress		
J4				AIC .	Stabilized by Three		report)		
					Neutral Ligands" J.		Γερυιί		
					Amer. Chem. Soc.,				
					<b>139</b> , 13680-13683.				
					133, 13000-13003.			1	

2018	Jing-Xuan	"Unravelling	Nov	Yes	Yes	Yes
(Entry 5)	Zhang, Fu Kit Sheong* and Zhenyang Lin*	Chemical Interactions with Principal Interacting	2020	103	103	103
J5		Orbitals" Chemistry - A European Journal, <b>24</b> , 9639-9650				
2019	Jinhua Li,	"Access to	Nov	Yes	Yes	Yes
(Entry 6)	Yu-Mei Lin,* Hong Zhang, Yuan Chen,	Metal-bridged Osmathiazine Derivatives by a	2020			
J6	Zhenyang Lin, and Haiping Xia*	Formal [4+2] Cyclization" Chemistry - A European Journal,				
2010	Via ani 7h an Via	<b>25</b> , 5077-5085	Nierr	V	Vaa	V
2019	Xiaoxi Zhou, Xin Pang, Liming	modification of	Nov 2020	Yes	Yes	Yes
(Entry 7)	Nie, Congqing	polydentate	2020			
	Zhu, Kaiyue	complexes gives				
J7	Zhuo, Qingde	access to planar				
37	Zhuo, Zhixin	carbon- and				
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		ligands" Nature				
	Zhenyang Lin	Communications,				
	and Haiping Xia					
2020	Ming Luo,	"Carbolong	Nov	Yes	Yes	Yes
(Entry 8)	Yuhui Hua,	Chemistry: Planar	2020			
	Kaiyue Zhuo,	CCCCX-type $(X = N,$				
		O, S) Pentadentate				
J8	Xinlei Lin,	Chelates by Formal				
		[3+1] Cycloadditions				
	, , ,	of Metalla-Azirines				
	Hong Zhang, Dafa Chen, and	with Terminal				
	Haiping Xia*	Alkynes" CCS Chemistry, <b>2</b> ,				
	Traiping Aia	758-763				
2020	Jing-Xuan	"Unexpected	Nov	Yes	Yes	Yes
(Entry 9)	Zhang, Fu Kit	electronic behavior	2020			
	Sheong (co-first	of organic azide and				
	author),	metal-carbyne in				
J9	Zhengyu Lu,	their 1,3-dipolar				
19	Hong Zhang*	cycloaddition				
	and Zhenyang	reaction" Chinese J.				
	Lin*	Chem., <b>38</b> ,				
		1565-1570				

9. Recognized international conference(s) in which paper(s) related to this research project was/were delivered (Please attach a copy of each delivered paper. All listed papers must acknowledge RGC's funding support by quoting the specific grant reference.)

Month/Year/	Title	Conference Name	Submitted to	Attached to	Acknowledged	Accessible
Place			RGC	this report	the support of	from the
			(indicate the	(Yes or No)	this Joint	institution
			year ending		Research	al
			of the		Scheme	repository
			relevant		(Yes or No)	(Yes or No)
			progress report)			
June/2017/	Transition Metal	New Frontiers in		No	Yes	No
Xiamen	Boryl Complexes	Organometallic	2017	(submitted		
	and Catalysis –	Chemistry		in the		
C1	Insights form			previous		
	Computational			progress		
	Studies			report)		
Nov/2018/	Transition Metal	Wuhan	Nov 2020	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wuhan	Catalyzed Reactions	Conference on				
	of Carbon Dioxide -	<b>Green Chemistry</b>				
C2	Computational	and Sustainable				
C2	Insight	Catalysis 2018				
Feb/2019/	Unravelling	Pure and	Nov 2020	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bangkok,	chemical	Applied				
Thailand	interactions with	Chemistry				
	Principal Interacting	International				
C3	Orbital (PIO)	Conference –				
	analysis	PACCON 2019				
Sept/2019/	Boryls, Their Metal	Mechanistic	Nov 2020	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stockholm,	Complexes and	Homogeneous				
Sweden	Catalysis -	Catalysis - A				
	Theoretical and	Meeting				
C4	Computational	between Theory				
	Insights	and Experiment				

# **10. Student(s) trained** (*Please attach a copy of the title page of the thesis.*)

Name	Degree registered for	Date of registration	Date of thesis submission/graduation
Zheng WANG	PhD	1 September 2013	31 August 2017
Linlin WU	PhD	1 September 2014	31 August 2018
Jingxuan ZHANG	PhD	1 September 2014	31 August 2018

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**11.Other impact** (e.g. award of patents or prizes, collaboration with other research institutions, technology transfer, etc.)

Close collaboration between my research group in Hong Kong and Prof Haiping Xia's research group in Xiamen has been well established in the area of metallocyclic organometallic chemistry.

**12. Statistics on Research Outputs** (Please ensure the summary statistics below are consistent with the information presented in other parts of this report.)

	Peer-reviewed	Conference	Scholarly books,	Patents	Other research
	journal	papers	monographs and	awarded	outputs
	publications		chapters		(Please specify)
No. of outputs arising					
directly from this	9	4	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
research project [or					
conference]					